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Post received a response from Ivana Jelenic, head of the Section for Biological Diversity, Directorate for Environmental Protection, Croatian Ministry of Culture, regarding reftel A questions. According to Jelenic, the GOC supports the chair's recommendations and plans for the future of the IWC. The GOC agrees that establishing one small working group would improve the work of this year's annual meeting, with an aim to developing solutions for adoption at the 2009 annual meeting. The GOC's perspective is that the size of the group is not crucial; it is important that all different interests are adequately represented and that there is willingness to work together as a team. Bradtke